## **ABSTRACT**

An isolated RNA comprising an intron RNA that is released in a cell, thereby modulating the function of a target gene. Also disclosed are a composition comprising a chemokine and an isolated RNA of the invention or a DNA template for the isolated RNA, a composition comprising one or more agents that induce RNA-mediated modulation of the functions of two or more target genes in a cell, and methods of using these compositions for modulating the functions of genes in a cell.

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